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1. THE FOLLOWING ARE TENTATIVE TOKYO ETAS FOR STAGS PEARSON, JENSEN, AND BAILYN. PEARSON - AUGUST 28; JENSEN - SEPTEMBER 1; BAILYN - AUGUST 30. SINGLE RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE MADE RESPECTIVELY AT SAME TOKYO HOTEL WHERE DELEGATES ARE BEING PUT UP AS OF NIGHT OF SEPT. 3.

2. LIPSET DECLINED INVITATION BECAUSE OF CONFLICTING CONFERENCE IN LONDON AT WHICH HE KEYNOTE SPEAKER. ALTERNATE CANDIDATES GAY, DAHL, SMITH, AND DEGLER WERE ALL APPROACHED BUT NONE CAN ATTEND. IN ORDER AVOID FURTHER DELAY, WINKS AND FOREY OF BCICA AND ALLAN DAVIS OF ASA IN CONSULTATION WITH DEPARTMENT ANDUSIA AGREED TO COME UP WITH APPROPRIATE SCHOLAR WHOM THEY WOULD APPROACH ON INFORMAL BASIS TO DETERMINE HIS AVAILABILITY. THEY HAVE CHOSEN NEIL HARRIS, SOCIAL HISTORIAN AND PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO. HARRIS HAS BEEN IN JAPAN BEFORE, IS INTERESTED IN COMPARATIVE STUDIES ON
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AMERICAN/JAPANESE CULTURE, AND SHOULD BE FAIRLY WELL KNOWN

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TO THE JAPANESE. HOMMA, IN FACT, PLAYED INSTRUMENTAL ROLE IN CHOICE. HE HAS MET HIM AND THINKS PERSONALLY HARRIS WOULD BE A FINE CHOICE. HE HAS A BA FROM COLUMBIA AND PH.D. FROM HARVARD. AGE:37. BOOKS INCLUDE THE ARTIST IN AMERICAN SOCIETY (1966); HUMBUG; THE ART OF P.T. BARNUM.

3. IN VIEW NEED FOR DEPARTMENTAL PROCESSING OF HARRIS RECOMMENDATION AND DEADLINE FOR WRITING STAG GRANT, WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF EMBASSY COULD EXPLAIN SITUATION TO SAITO/KUBOTA AND OBTAIN THEIR APPROVAL ASAP. ASSUMING NO SNAGS ON THIS END, DEPARTMENT WILL CABLE GO-AHEAD FOR OFFICIAL INVITATION TO BE SENT TO HARRIS AS SOON AS CLEARANCES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. INGERSOLL

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